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MINUTES OF OTERO COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Good Attendance at Cloudcroft August
Twenty-eighth

Interesting Program Made For The Ensuing
Year's Work

The Otero County Teachers' Association met in business session at Cloudcroft Aug. 28, 1912. President J. M. Helm presiding. The secretary being absent Miss Vida Redic was elected secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after which the election of officers for the ensuing year was held which resulted as follows: President: Supt. R. S. Tipton; Vice President: Miss Celeta Lewis; Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Maude Hancock. President Tipton announced he would name the program committee later.

Before hearing the report of the committee on contests, Dean Carroon of the Las Vegas Normal, chairman of the state committee on contests, gave an explanation of the state work and showed how impossible it was for them to accomplish much or make any changes as they were not able to get any response to communications sent to the various high schools over the state.

The report of the committee on contests was given and after a lengthy and earnest discussion on the eligibility of contestants, especially in oratory, and of the details of the contest the following report was finally adopted:

Article I. Eligibility. Every public school in Otero county is entitled to participate in this contest, provided that the contestants on map-drawing, recitation, declamation and spelling shall be limited to the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades and the contest on oratory limited to high schools.

All representatives must be regular pupils in good standing. No pupil shall represent a school in more than one contest at the same time.

No successful pupil shall represent a section in any one kind of contest a second time.

Every participant in any of the contests must be a regular student, carrying full work as such, during the entire school in which the contest is held.

The number of contestants from each school to be limited to two pupils in each kind of contest except in spelling, each school may have three contestants, and map-drawing unlimited.

Article II. Chairmen. The teacher appointed for each section by the president of the county association shall be chairman of that section. The chairmen of the sections together with the president of the association shall select judges and attend to all business of this contest.

Article III. The county contest shall be held the first Saturday in December.

Article IV. The pupil winning the gold medal in oratory shall be the one designated to represent Otero county in the state contest the year following the contest in which the medal was won.

Article V. There shall be a contest in recitation, declama-

tion, oratory, map-drawing and spelling. Recitations shall consist of selections, narrative and descriptive. Declamations shall consist of copied speeches and orations. Orations must be the orator's own production.

The map shall be that of South America with countries.

Outline of Central America.

Waters: Caribbean sea, Lake Maracaibo, Strait of Magellan, Gulf of Panama.

Rivers: Orinoco, Negro, Tapajos, Parana, Rio Plata, Amazon, Madeira, Xingu, Paraguay, Colorado.

Capes, St. Roque, Frio, Horn. Mountains: Andes, Plateau of Brazil, Mt. Aconcagua.

Islands: Trinidad, Tierra del Fuego.

Cities: All capitals and Panama, Colon, Sao Paulo, Rosario, Callao, Valencia, Bahai, Cordova, Arequipa, La Paz.

Map to be twice the size of the one on page 78, Natural Introductory geography. No names to be placed on map. The ownership of map may be designated by a single letter or figure placed on back but must bear no other marks of identification.

Article VI. In all cases judges who are entirely disinterested shall be chosen.

Article VII. Grading. The contestants in oratory, recitation and declamation shall be graded upon the following points: (a) articulation, (b) modulation, (c) expression, (d) gesture, (e) general effect.

Article VIII. Prizes. In these contests a gold medal shall be awarded to each of the first winners and a bronze medal to each of the second winners. Each medal shall bear the name of the recipient and the subject of the contest in which the medal is given.

Article IX. Expenses. These contests are arranged by the teachers and shall be supported by them.

Article X. These regulations may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any meeting of the county association.

We recommend that the chairman of the association appoint a committee on athletics to arrange a meet just previous to contest.

We also recommend that the association insist on all teachers bringing and exhibiting such work as their respective schools may be able to produce in the way of drawing, composition, handiwork, etc.

It was decided to hold the next contest at Alamogordo.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that Dean Frank J. Carroon and Prof. Livingston be elected honorary members of the association. After a pleasant response of appreciation of the honor thus shown them, by each of these gentlemen a motion to adjourn was made which carried unanimously.

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INSEPARABLE.



—From New York World

FARMING WITHOUT WATER

D. W. Van Dyke Demonstrates
This Possibility

There are tricks and wiles which may be used to make the desert yield a harvest, even when no water for irrigation is available. It is essential to learn these tricks and to put them into practice in order to reclaim this valley, where, to judge from present indications, water will never be over-plentiful.

D. W. Van Dyke has learned how to raise the year's feed for horses and cattle, without a drop of irrigation water. The proof of this statement may be found on his patented claim, in twenty acres of the finest kind of cane, on his place four miles from Alamogordo, a little to the west of south.

The seed was sown in June, in dry ground, but did not begin to grow until August, after the first big rain of the season. He sowed 480 pounds of seed, for which he paid 3 cents a pound. Both the red and black varieties were planted, the bulk of the planting in the latter, and this latter variety is thriving better.

The stand on twenty acres is fairly uniform. Much of the cane is headed and is now about seven to eight feet in height. The ground contains sufficient moisture to mature the crop, which ought to be ready for cutting in about two weeks.

The yield ought to be at least forty-five tons, perhaps fifty tons. The crop is much better than was raised last year, and last year's crop furnished enough feed to last until the latter part of August, when three horses and several head of cows were fed regularly. Whatever the number, Mr. Van Dyke has raised feed for another year, and has saved a big feed bill thereby.

South Methodist Services

The regular services will be held both morning and evening at the usual hours. If not worshipping elsewhere you are invited to worship with us. PASTOR.

Rev. Geo. H. Givan conducted services at Tularosa Sunday on his regular appointment.

PRIZES FOR BEST CAKES

Contest and Sale Will be Held
Tuesday

Of course you can bake a cake. Maybe you can bake a good cake. That still is not the question, which is: Can you bake a prize-winning cake? If you can bake a prize-winning cake, or if you even think that you can bake such a cake, go ahead with the good work and then take the cake into the contest and sale which will be held at the old Beavers' hall not later than three o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The two grocery firms, Hughes & Bennett, and W. W. Mann are conducting the contest, under the direction of E. A. Nelson, demonstrator and salesman of the Fairbanks Co., manufacturers of cottolene. First, second and third prizes will be offered by the two firms for the best cakes. In addition to these prizes, The News will give a year's subscription to each of the three winners.

The judges will be three disinterested persons. After the awarding of the prizes, the cakes will be sold by a committee of the Civic League and the proceeds will be used by that organization. Bake any kind of cake that you like. The only condition is that it must be made with cottolene. If there is any further information that you would like, telephone Hughes and Bennett's or Mann's for particulars. Mr. Nelson is an expert baker and will be glad to give you any pointers that may be needed.

If your cake does not bring you one of the prizes, it will be sold for the benefit of the Civic League, and thereby you will be helping a good cause. Get busy. Do it now.

Bank Signs Galore

Just a few weeks ago, the Alamo State bank had a gold leaf sign put on the front window. It was not quite artistic enough to suit, so it was removed and a new one put on each front window this week.

The First National today is following suit and having all its gold leaf signs replaced with new ones. The same artist is doing the work.

REPUBLICANS HAVE BIGGEST OF THREE CONVENTIONS

Nathan Jaffa of Roswell Nominated For
Congress

Spieß Becomes National Committeeman; Clark
State Chairman

The republican state convention held at Albuquerque last Thursday was one of the best and most significant conventions which the "Grand Old Party" has held in many years. There was harmony to spare, and one of the best men in the party, or in any party in New Mexico, for that matter, was selected as a candidate for Congress. In point of attendance it was the largest and best convention held in Albuquerque last week.

The convention was called to order at 2:30 p. m., by Venceslao Jaramillo, state chairman. After the invocation, the roll call of delegates was dispensed with, and the chairman reads the state committee's recommendations as to the temporary officers. The report was adopted, naming the following officers: For temporary chairman, Senator Thomas B. Catron; for temporary secretary, Herbert W. Clark; for interpreters, Nestor Montoya, Blas Sanchez and Louis Armijo. Senator Catron was then escorted to the chair and made the key-note address, lasting about fifty minutes. Senator Catron is an able, resourceful man, and his address received the closest attention.

At the close of Senator Catron's speech, the committees were appointed. The Otero county delegates were placed as follows: On rules and order of business, Jas. J. Hill; on credentials, Marshall W. Parker; on resolutions, A. B. Fall; on permanent organization, Hal H.

Major. The convention was adjourned until 8:00 p. m.

When the convention reassembled in the evening, the report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted, naming Senator A. B. Fall as chairman, R. L. Baca as secretary and retaining the temporary interpreters. Senator Fall made a speech which was somewhat along non-partisan lines, and with a decided leaning toward progressive principles.

Hon. Nathan Jaffa of Roswell, former territorial secretary, was the unanimous choice of the convention for candidate for Congress. Chas. A. Spieß of Las Vegas was selected by acclamation to succeed the late Solomon Luna as national committeeman, and the recommendation of the convention to this effect was forwarded to the national committee, which was in session yesterday to elect Mr. Luna's successor.

The presidential electors were: Levi A. Hughes, Santa Fe county; Eufrazio F. Gallegos, of Union county; Matt Fowler, of Grant county.

Herbert W. Clark, of Las Vegas, was elected chairman of the state central committee. Mr. Clark has served for some time as the secretary of the state committee, and has been assistant United States district attorney.

The central committee was reorganized by the convention. The two members for Otero county named were Hal H. Major and Jack M. Fall.

Skool is Took up and Johnny Goes Back

Sept 3 skool took up today my new shoes hurt like sin and my collar is to tite. why does skool close always hurt so? answer: yore feet spreads out in summer and maw gets yore shoes to small. then she puts to mutch starch in yore shirt and chokes you with a necktie. wen you gets yore new close on the first day of skool you feel like a night of king arthur dressed in armor. if they took a boy's close off he could study better but the bord of education never was boys i guess.

maw had my hare cut and it left a white streak round my neck where i wasn't sun burned wen tommy saw it he laffed and sed why didnt you wash all yore neck? that made me mad and i busted him on the hed with my slate and broke it. tommy told teacher and she sed oh johnny how sorry i am yore temper mastered you on the first day of skool you will have to stay and rite a soft answer turneth away rath on the black board a hundred times. i sed a soft answer may turneth away rath all right but a good crack on the nut will raise a more satisfactory bump on tommy's hed.

on the way to skool we met sissy tomkins carrying a bunch of asters to teacher i throwed his hat over the fense and took his flowers away and gave them to

Mexican Stars Unmercifully Romp On Hi's

In a loosely played game, featured by ragged fielding, and errors too numerous to mention, the Alamo Stars, a Mexican aggregation, defeated the local High School to that pathetic little tune of 11 to 0. The Mexicans played their usual snappy game, and at no time were they in danger of defeat.

Sanchez and Regoria pitched good ball, while their team mates hit the ball and ran bases like veterans.

Tipton occupied the mound for the "Hi" team and was driven from the rubber in the fifth inning after eleven tallies had been secured off his delivery. Haynes relieved Tipton and finished the game in major league style. Only two "Hi" men reached third base.

susie who is my sweetheart this year. she sed oh johnny how good of you to remember me. I sed fare one for thee i wood slay the stoutest night that ever couched a lance. she said you are there with it johnny and i will never speak to georgie again i like you better. i sure am a winner with the wimmin.

n. b. i wuz kep in a hour after skool and saw george walk home with susie. I hav rote his name down in blood in the back of my jogrfy. let him bewair.—Kansas City Star.